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Mobility & surprise characterized the military expeditions led by Genghis KHAN and his commanders, and the horse was crucial for such tactics & strategy. Horses could be referred to as the intercontinental ballistic missiles of the 13th century.

Although Genghis Khan's Army never numbered more than 200,000 troops, they may have had as many as 800,000 horses.

May 10, 1218

1912 Dates J-BK

Italy & Germany  
at

Death of Otto IV  
the HARZBURG.

A caravan of traders sent out by Genghis Khan was executed on the frontier of KHWARIZM. When the shah of that MUSLIM empire then killed a Mongol ambassador seeking justice, the shah brought down on himself, his people and much of Central Asia, perhaps the bloodiest string of massacres known

to History (see 1219)

1218

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Genghis Khan. conquered the  
KARA-KHITAI Empire